Suddenly the Abyss attack—

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Chapter 8
Severe Shock

NEW KINGDOM

FOURTH MACHINE DRAGON HANGAR

KURU-LUCIFER-SAN SAID THAT SHE WOULD GOES AHEAD, BUT ARE AIRI AND EVERYONE ELSE ALSO HERE...?

BE QUIET !!

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OFFICER CADETS, I SHALL INFORM YOU ABOUT THE REASON OF THIS ALARM!!

WELL THEN, AS EVERYONE HAS GATHERED...

CURRENTLY, A LARGE-SIZED ABYSS HAS INVADED THIS FORT CITY AND THE CAPITAL!!

最弱無敗の神装機竜

UNDEFEATED BAHAMUT CHRONICLE

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THE FIRST AND SECOND STRONGHOLDS ARE ALREADY BEING BROKEN THROUGH, AND THERE REMAINS ONLY THE THIRD STRONGHOLD.

THIS SHOWS HOW URGENT THE SITUATION IS...!!

SIXTH RUINS "GARDEN"

GUARD NETWORK

FIRST STRONGHOLD

SECOND STRONGHOLD

THIRD STRONGHOLD (UNDER BATTLE)

CROSS FEED

THE PLACE WHERE IT HAS APPEARED IS THE SIXTH RUINS "GARDEN"!!

THE GUARD UNIT WHICH IS ALREADY STATIONED IN THE STRONGHOLD, IS HEADING OUT TO SUBJUGATE IT, BUT...

THAT'S ALL!!

EACH OF YOU SHOULD GET READY JUST IN CASE, AND TO STAY ON ALERT WHILE WAITING FOR ORDERS!

NOW, I'VE ALSO REQUESTED REINFORCEMENT TO THE CAPITAL, BUT...

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THEY SHOULD BE BUSY BY NOW.

UM, HAVE YOU SEEN LISHA-SAMA AND COMPANY? I DIDN'T FIND THEM EVEN WHEN I LOOKED...

...

KURU-LUCIFER-SAN!

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THE "KNIGHT SQUADRON" HEADED TO THE ABYSS SUBJUGATION A LITTLE WHILE BACK AFTER ALL..

WHAT DID LISHA-SAMA AND COMPANY GO THERE FOR!? A REINFORCEMENT REQUEST SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE TO THE CAPITAL...

DIDN'T ANYONE TELL YOU?

YOU SHOULDN'T EXPECT REINFORCE-MENTS FROM THE CAPITAL SO EASILY.

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EVEN YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A LACK OF TALENTED DRAG-KNIGHTS IN THE CURRENT NEW KINGDOM, RIGHT?

THIS PLACE IS CROSS FEED, WHICH CAN ALSO BE CALLED A DEFENSE LOCATION OF THE CAPITAL.

IF YOU'RE A MEMBER, YOU WILL BE GLADLY WELCOMED... BUT, IT ISN'T ALWAYS A GOOD THING.

BESIDES, THE "KNIGHT SQUADRON" ORIGINALLY HAS TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

KURULUCIFER-SAN, YOU'RE A MEMBER OF THE "KNIGHT SQUADRON", YET WHY DIDN'T YOU GO TO THE SUBJUGATION?

ERRR...

I... LET'S SEE

I'M SORRY, BUT I HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO BE INVOLVED IN A DIRECT BATTLE WITH THE ABYSS.

I CAN HELP IF I WANT, BUT COMPLAINTS WILL COME FROM THE RELIGIOUS COUNTRY OF YMIR...

SO I DON'T INTEND TO DO SO.

FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS LIKE ME, AN ORIGINAL BATTLE STANDARD IS ESTABLISHED BY THE SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

I CAN AT LEAST COOPERATE WITH OTHER FORMS OF SUPPORT, SUCH AS INFORMATION TRANSFER, AND GOODS SUPPLY BEYOND THE SCOPE OF DANGER TO MY LIFE.

BUT, THOSE WHO CAN FIGHT DON'T FIGHT...

IN OTHER WORDS...

KURULUCIFER-SAN IS RIGHT.

TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE, AND FIGHT IN THE CRISIS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND LOSE THEIR LIFE WILL BE THE MOST UNREASONABLE THING TO DO...

IF LEARNING THE TECHNOLOGY AND KNOWLEDGE OF MACHINE DRAGONS IS THE PURPOSE

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IT MEANT THAT THE "KNIGHT SQUADRON" WOULD BE EXPOSED TO DANGER ACCORDINGLY.

I...?

THOSE WHO CAN FIGHT...

IS THERE ANYTHING BOTHERING YOU?

I'LL BE GOING NOW TO PREPARE FOR THE COMMUNICATION WITH THE "KNIGHT SQUADRON" THROUGH MACHINE DRAGON'S "DRAGON VOICE"...

IT'S NATURAL THAT EVEN SUCH SITUATIONS HAPPEN.

MOREOVER, YOU'RE A GENERAL STUDENT WHO HASN'T EVEN JOINED THE "KNIGHT SQUADRON".

EH?

WE AREN'T PEOPLE WHO SHOULD FIGHT NOW.

EVEN SO, THERE'S NO NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT BEING UNABLE TO FIGHT CURRENTLY.

THOUGH YOU MAY ACT AS A PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE DEFENSE OF THE ACADEMY LIKE YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND...

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AIRI!?

...NII-SAN, YOU MUSTN'T GO?

RIGHT, AIRI-CHAN?

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I KNOW.

SO...

IF LISHA-SAMA AND THE "KNIGHT SQUADRON" ARE THERE, THEY CAN DEFEAT EVEN A LARGE-SIZED ABYSS, RIGHT?

EVEN WHEN I HAVE GUARDED THE RUINS OF THE FRONTIER BEFORE AS AN ODD JOB, ABYSS APPEARED ONLY ONCE A MONTH.

...IS IT A COINCIDENCE?

BUT... FOR ABYSS WHICH APPEARANCE RATES ARE ALREADY LOW, TWO APPEARED IN THIS ONE WEEK

IT'LL BE GOOD IF NOTHING HAPPENS...

SITE 3KM AWAY FROM CROSS FEED.

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IS THIS THING THE ABYSS IN QUESTION?

It looks like... even the third stronghold has been completely broken through.
A Slime type said to have almost no intelligence.
It's really big...

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Yes

ROGER!!

OK, NOKUTO, YOU TAKE THE FRONT

THE OTHER DRAKES SHOULD CHECK WHETHER THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE REMAINING AROUND!!

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<DRAKE> CUSTOMIZED TYPE

ALTHOUGH ITS BASIC ABILITY IS SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN THE OTHER TWO KINDS, IT'S A MACHINE DRAGON EQUIPPED WITH VARIOUS SPECIAL FUNCTIONS.

IT SENSES CALORIC VITAL REACTIONS WITHIN RANGE.

SEARCHING FOR THE ENEMY IS ALSO ONE ITS SPECIAL FUNCTIONS.

FURTHERMORE, NOKUTO'S <DRAKE> IS A REMODELING TYPE MACHINE DRAGON ADJUSTED BY LISHA.

HERE, TOO, THERE'S NO REACTION OTHER THAN THE ABYSS'.

SAME HERE.

THERE'S NO OTHER REACTION HERE.

AND IT ENABLES THE SEARCHING FOR AN ENEMY AROUND 600 MEL.

ITS PERFORMANCE IS ABOUT TWICE THE NORMAL <DRAKE>'S,

D-DO YOU INTEND TO SHOOT OUT OF THE BLUE, LISHA-SAMA!?

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ROGER!

THEN, I WILL FIRE...!

...HERE I GO!!

I WON'T KNOW UNLESS I TRY IT, RIGHT?

HMM? YEA.

MACHINE DRAGON BREATH GUN (CANNON)!!!

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RIGHT ON THE MARK...

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JEEZ, WHAT A TROUBLESOME MUCUS...!!

TCH...

TO THINK THAT THE <CHIMERIC WYVERN>'S SHELLING HAS NO EFFECT...

IT DECREASES THE POWER BY DIFFUSING THE SHOCK AND HEAT IN THE SUR-ROUNDINGS!!

!!?

IT WOULD BE BEST FOR US TO AVOID CLOSE COMBAT.

LOOKS LIKE IF WE TOUCH ITS BODY, WE'LL END UP LIKE THAT...

THAT'S ACID...!!

FIRE ALL YOUR ENERGY AT ONE POINT SO THAT IT WON'T SCATTER!!

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

SIMULTANEOUS SHOTS AIMED AT THE CORE!

...SO HOW DO WE PROCEED, COMMANDER?

EVERYONE, TAKE A DISTANCE OF 200 MEL!

I'LL DO THE COUNTDOWN! UNDERSTOOD?!!

YES!!!

UNTIL BOMBARD-MENT,

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5...!

3...

THAT'S ...!?

2...

SOMETHING FROM THE REAR OF THE ABYSS IS...

IT'S APPROACHING ...!?

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W-WHAT'S THIS SOUND ...?

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SELF-DESTRUC-TION!!?

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TILLFAR!!
SHARIS!!

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YOU GUYS...

GUH...

KEH... ARE YOU INJURED, LISHA-SAMA?!

WE'RE ALL RIGHT! PLEASE, THE NEXT IN-STRUCTIONS...!!

ALL MEMBERS, WE WILL REBUILD OUR POSTURE ONCE AGAIN!

THOSE WHO CAN'T USE ANY WEAPONS, STEP BACK FOR THE MOMENT!!

WE CAN STILL FULLY FIGHT! DON'T PANIC!!

YES...!!

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HOU, YOU'VE REALLY GOTTEN USED TO ACTING LIKE A PRINCESS, EH?

LIZSHARTE...

.....!?

BUT YOU KNOW? YOU AREN'T OF SUCH CALIBER.

YOU DON'T HAVE SUCH A PRIDE.

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU TRYING DO?

BESIDES, THAT OUTFIT! IT'S THE OUTFIT OF THE GUARD CORPS CAPTAIN DEPLOYED FROM THE ROYAL CAPITAL, RIGHT!?

YOU BASTARD, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?

THAT'S INCORRECT...

!!?

I CAME FROM THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL ACADIA EMPIRE,

IMPERIAL GUARDS KNIGHT CHIEF, VELVET BARTH IS MY NAME.

I HAVE OBTAINED POWER.

I JUST GOT BACK ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

DO NOT SAY A DISGRACEFUL THING LIKE BETRAYING...

SO YOU BETRAYED THE NEW KINGDOM, HUH!

YOU EVEN WENT AS FAR AS TO EXPRESSLY PULL AN ABYSS FROM THE RUINS...

FROM THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL ...!?

IN OTHER WORDS, THIS MAN'S PURPOSE IS...

THE DRAG-KNIGHTS SURVIVORS WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY ON THE EMPIRE SIDE WERE ONCE PUT IN JAIL, AND ONLY THOSE WHO PROVED THEIR INNOCENCE BECAME THE NEW KINGDOM'S OFFICERS...

...DID YOU REALLY THINK THAT YOU COULD DEFEAT US WITH ONE SURPRISE ATTACK?

YOUR ARROGANCE WILL CAUSE YOUR LOSS, VELVET...

WERE YOU THE BASTARD WHO CAUSED THE ABYSS TO SELF-DESCRUCT?

I CAN WIN.

LURING YOU OUT LIKE THIS.

WAS ALSO TO CREATE A CHANCE FOR VICTORY AFTER ALL...

HE SCHEMED TO RESTORE THE OLD EMPIRE!

A REBELLION...!!

NOW, HATCH EGGS...!

THIS SOUND IS THE SAME AS THE ONE FROM EARLIER!?

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Puh...

Purtsupurtsu

Purtsupurtsu

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THE ABYSS' MUCUS IS...!?

WHAT'S THIS...

Putsuputsu
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EH...
...yeeeeeeee!!!?

GAR-
GOYLES...?

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W-WAIT A MINUTE WHAT IS THIS!?

YOUR JOKING, RIGHT!?

WE HAVE NEVER FOUGHT MORE THAN TWO ABYSS' AT THE SAME TIME...!?

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AWAKEN, FOUNDING ANCESTOR

<TIAMAT>!!!

CONNECT-ON!!!

KING OF THE DRAGON GODS THAT IS AN ARMY IN ITSELF

Yes

YOU, WHO ARE THE PRINCESS, CANNOT BE DEFEATED HERE!

TH-THEN, WE WILL GAIN TIME, SO!!

ALSO FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NEW KINGDOM WHICH FINALLY OBTAINED PEACE...!!

THEY WILL IMMEDIATELY CATCH UP WITH US WITH THESE NUMBERS. WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT THEM HERE!

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

DON'T DO IT, PRINCESS LIZSHARTE! PLEASE, PREPARE TO WITHDRAW! FIGHTING WITH THIS MUCH DIFFERENCE IN STRENGTH WILL BE DANGEROUS!

THEN,

I GUESS I'M NOT FIT TO BE A PRINCESS.

DOING EVEN ONE SPEECH TO THE CITIZENS WHO SURVIVED, AND BEING EXPOSED TO APPLAUSE.

SURVIVING BY SACRIFICING SOMEONE, EXTOLLING SOMEONE'S DEATH AS HEROIC...

IT'S BOTHER-SOME; I'M NOT GOOD AT IT.

THAT'S WHY I WILL FIGHT!

IT'S SURELY THE DUTY WHICH I CAN DO, AS A PRINCESS.

PRINCESS LIZSHARTE...

THOSE UNABLE TO FIGHT, AS WELL AS THE INJURED SHOULD TAKE SHELTER WITHIN THE WALLS.

THE MEMBERS WHO CAN FIGHT, COVER ME.

TELL ALL THE KNIGHT SQUADRON'S MEMBERS,

FROM HERE ON WE WILL ENGAGE THE ENEMY.

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Yes!

ROGER!!

NOKUTO,

YOU RETURN TO THE FORT CITY, EXPLAIN THE SITUATION HERE TO THE ACADEMY AND ASK FOR ORDERS...

CAN YOU DO IT?

I ALSO WORKED OUT A PLAN TO DEFEAT YOU, BASTARD...

YEA, THANK YOU.

ARE YOU DONE TALKING?

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NOW...

LET'S PLAY TRAITORS...!

PHILPHIE?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN SUCH A PLACE?

I UNDERSTAND THAT EVERYONE IS WORRIED, BUT...

I CAN HEAR... A SOUND.

...PHILPHIE?

FROM THE OTHER SIDE...

THE SOUND OF A FLUTE,

...<FLUTE>?

I DIDN'T HEAR IT THOUGH...

THE SOUND OF A FLUTE?

AND THIS TIMING WHEN THE THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS OF THE "KNIGHT SQUADRON" WERE AWAY...!!

I WOULD HAVE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO CALL THE ABYSS USING THE <FLUTE> AFTER ALL...

THE ABYSS' SUDDEN ATTACK DURING THE DUEL WITH LISHA...

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DON'T TELL ME...?

NII-SAN?

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CAN YOU HEAR ME OUT FOR A MINUTE?

THE CURRENT WAR SITUATION HAS JUST ARRIVED FROM NOKUTO-SAN.

KURULUCIFER-SAN!

IT SEEMS THAT THE REBEL ARMY WAS LYING HIDDEN IN THE GUARD CORPS.

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THE LARGE-SIZED ABYSS WHICH INVADED SELF-DESTRUCTED AND FROM WHICH, A LITTLE OVER 30 GARGOYLES SPRUNG FORTH.

I THINK THAT WE WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO FIGHT BACK, OR WITHDRAW FROM CROSS FEED.

AND, THE "KNIGHT SQUADRON" ALSO FELL INTO A PARTIAL DESTRUCTION STATE.

THE ENEMY IS ALREADY CLOSING IN ON US...

WITHDRAW FROM CROSS FEED!!!?

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PLEASE WAIT!!

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KRULCIFER-SAN!

I WILL ASK JUST TO BE SURE...

WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO, NII-SAN...?!!

AIRI...?

YOU CAN'T!!

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I AM GOING TO HELP LISHA-SAMA!

WITH THAT <WYVERN>, EVEN IF YOU CAN DEFEND, YOU CAN'T DEFEAT THE ABYSS! YOU ALSO CAN'T USE THE OTHER SWORD!

THERE'S NOTHING THAT YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW, NII-SAN!!

I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS, NII-SAN...

BUT...

EVEN SO, IN THIS WORLD, THERE ARE THINGS WHICH CAN'T BE HELPED.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU DO YOUR BEST, THERE ARE THINGS WHICH CAN'T BE REVERSED!!

PLEASE, DON'T FORGET OUR PURPOSE!

FOR THIS COUNTRY, WE--

WEREN'T WE FIGHTING FOR A GREAT CAUSE!?

DO YOU PLAN TO DIE HERE!?

YOU'RE WRONG, AIRI...

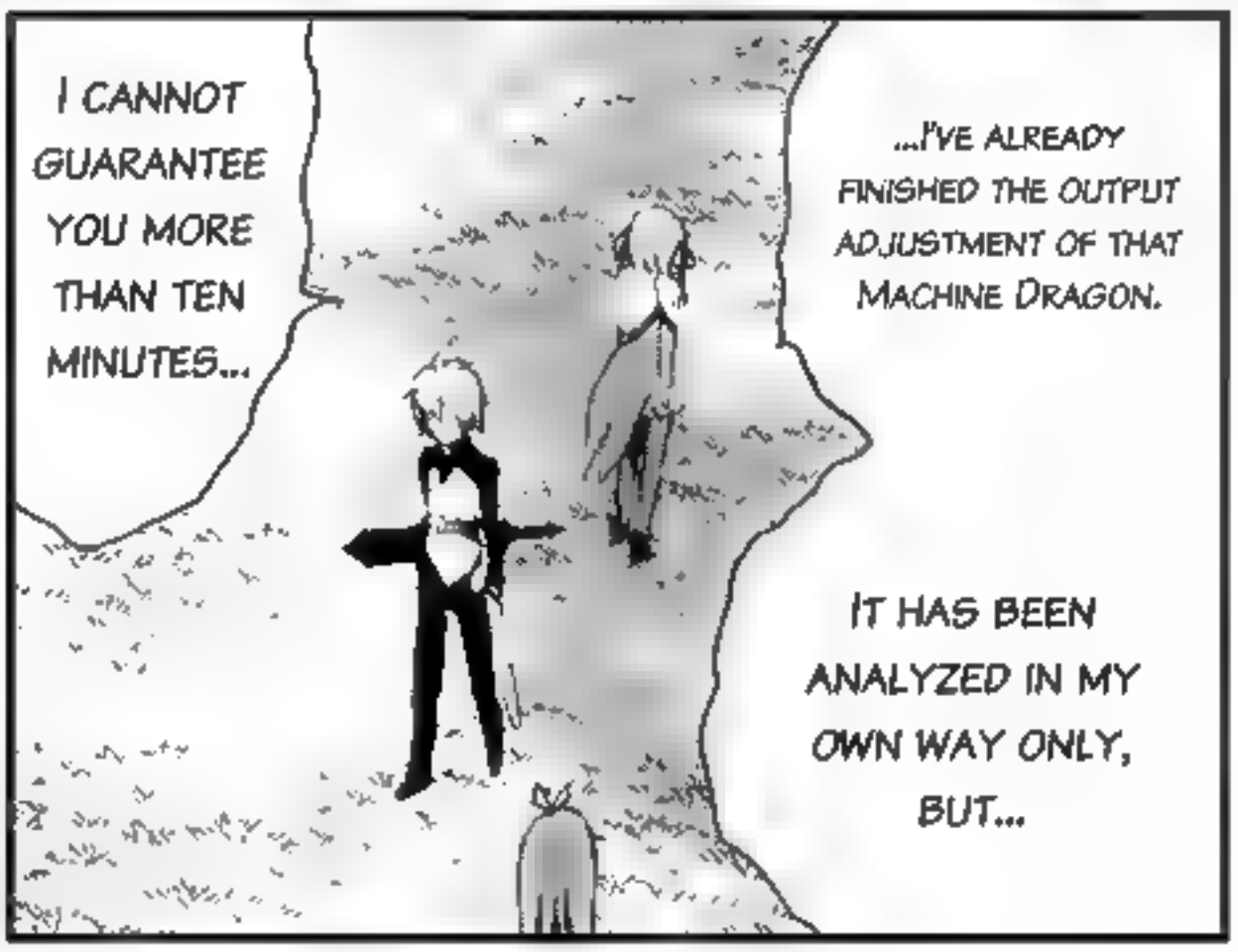
MY PURPOSE IS TO DEFEAT THE EMPIRE.

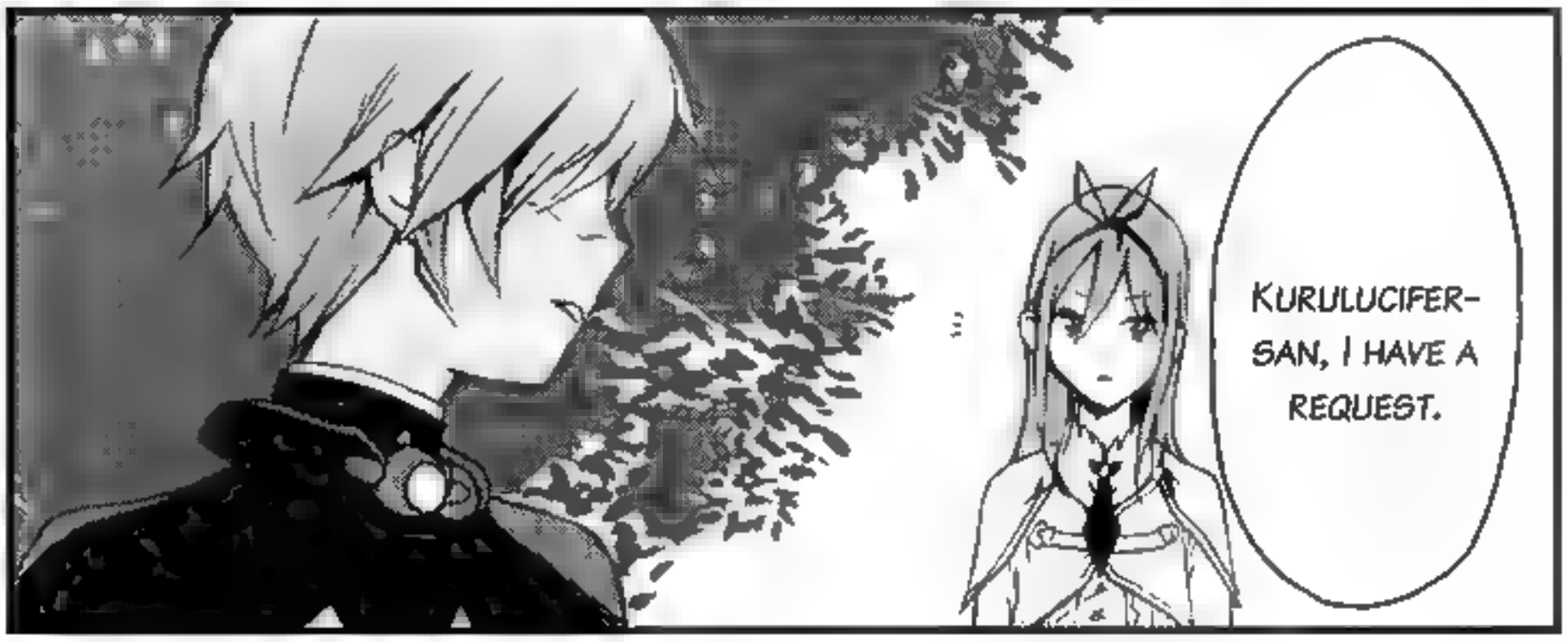
IT'S TO DEFEAT THAT ENEMY WHO TAKES IMPORTANT PEOPLE AWAY FROM ME...!

IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT, AIRI.

I WON'T LEAVE YOU ALONE, SO...

THANK YOU.


I CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU MORE THAN TEN MINUTES...
...I'VE ALREADY FINISHED THE OUTPUT ADJUSTMENT OF THAT MACHINE DRAGON.
IT HAS BEEN ANALYZED IN MY OWN WAY ONLY, BUT...


KURULUCIFER-SAN, I HAVE A REQUEST.

PLEASE ACTIVATE YOUR <FAFNIR>.

NOT TO COVER ME, BUT TO SAVE LISHA-SAMA.

...DIDN'T I SAY IT BEFORE?

I CANNOT FIGHT USING THIS LIFE THAT BELONGS TO THE RELIGIOUS COUNTRY YMIR.

I'M SORRY, BUT...

LET'S MAKE A DEAL...!

I KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE "BLACK HERO"!

IF YOU LISTEN TO MY REQUEST,

I WILL TELL YOU.

..I GOT IT.

...IN MY STEAD...

GO HELP THEM.

...LU-CHAN HASN'T CHANGED AFTER ALL.

WELL THEN, LET'S GO.

YES...!!!

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Next time, Lux makes his appearance!!

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